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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

Japanese Patent Abstract JP 61 169 750 (Tanabe), dated July 31, 1986;

Japanese Patent Abstract JP 62 200 251 (Nakai et al.), dated September 3, 1987;

Japanese Patent Abstract JP 9 191 032 (Yoshitake et al.), dated July 22, 1997;

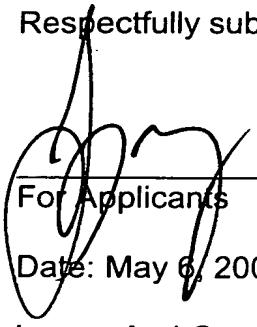
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